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Sir:

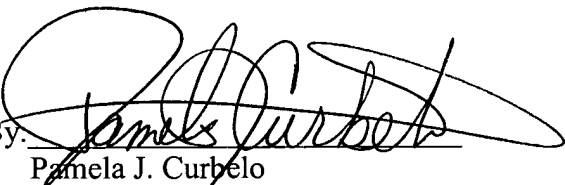
This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 24, 2002. The Examiner contends that: Group I, Claims 1-11, drawn to a method for cleaning wastewater, classified in Class 203, subclass 40; Group II, Claims 12-17, drawn to an apparatus for removing contaminants from an aqueous wastewater stream, classified in Class 202, subclass 185.3; and Group III, Claims 18-24, drawn to an apparatus for controlling and/or monitoring the continuous evaporation of water from the wastewater brine, classified in Class 159, subclass 4.4. Pursuant to MPEP §§806.04, 806.05(c), 806.05(d), 808.01, and 35 U.S.C. §121 the Examiner requires restriction between Groups I, II and III.

Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I. This election is being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to Claims 12-24, Groups II and III, including the right to file divisional application(s) thereon.

If there are any charges with respect to this Restriction Requirement, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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